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Applicants: Seiichi SAITO et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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May 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 27, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

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